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SUBJECT: GEORGIA SEEKS HELP ON TWO POINTS IN UN NEGOTIATIONS

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Classified By: Amb. John F. Tefft for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) Deputy Foreign Minister Nalbandov called in the Ambassador April 21 to request U.S. assistance in encouraging the UN Secretary General (UNSYG) to focus on two particular points as he prepares for discussions on Georgia. First, Nalbandov noted the importance of maintaining a reference to Georgia in the title of the relevant UN Security Council agenda item. He likewise noted the importance of maintaining a reference to Georgia in the title of the upcoming UNSYG's report, due in May. He expressed slightly more concern about the second item; although the last agenda item, in December 2008, referred to the "Situation in Georgia," the last UNSYG's report had no title at all. Nalbandov explained that these two points were very important to the Georgian government. He said he would be approaching the British, French and Germans with the same request, but sought American assistance in particular as Georgia's friend and partner. He also indicated he had instructed the Georgian ambassador in Washington to approach the Department with a similar request.

[1](#)2. (SBU) The Ambassador expressed his understanding of the importance of the issue to Georgia and agreed to pass along the request to the appropriate offices.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Nalbandov also informed the Ambassador that officials from the UN's political and peacekeeping offices, including David Harland, chief of the peacekeeping office (ref B), would be visiting Tbilisi within the next two weeks to conduct consultations on a new mandate for the UN in Georgia. The Ambassador noted that such consultations would be helpful.
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